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Barkha, the graded reading series is developed for students of Grade I and II. The objective of the series is to provide opportunity to young children to engage with books and read meaningfully. Gradation across levels has been achieved by variation in syntax, number of words and complexity of sub-plots. Barkha facilitates reading for pleasure in children and helps them become fluent readers. Children find everyday events as interesting as stories; hence, all the stories of Barkha are based on their daily life experiences. The stories of Barkha are spread out in four levels and five themes— (i) Relationships; (ii) Birds-Animals; (iii) Musical Instruments, Games and Toys; (iv) Around us and (v) Food. Another objective of the reading series is to provide plenty of books to children. It also helps in cognitive development of children in all curricular domains.

It is suggested that *Barkha* books be kept at a place in the classroom where children have easy access.

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Tea







Jamal



One day Jamal had a cold. He was sneezing since morning. His nose too was running.



Jamal felt like drinking tea. Like everyday, Madan was at his home. Jamal told him that he felt like having tea.



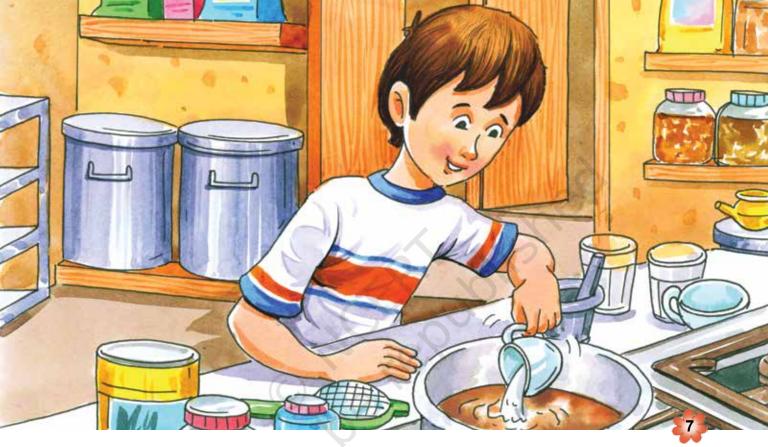
Madan immediately went to kitchen to make tea. Madan was making tea for the first time that day. He had never made tea before.



Madan poured two cups of water in a pot. He added two cloves in the water. Then Madan put the water to boil.



Madan then added a lot of ginger to it. He boiled the cloves and ginger in water for a long time. Madan was watching it boil.



Then he added half a cup of milk in the pot. Madan added two spoons of sugar in the boiling water. He put milk in the water and let it boil for a long time.



Then he put lots of tea leaves. Madan boiled it a lot after putting tea leaves. The colour of the tea became very dark.



Madan strained the tea into two glasses. He poured tea equally in both the glasses. The tea was a little less.



Madan placed the glasses of tea on a *thali**. He lovingly brought tea for Jamal. He served tea to Jamal with great affection.



Jamal's nose was still running.
He picked the glass of tea in his hand.
Jamal took a sip of the tea, while wiping his nose.



Jamal spat out the entire tea.

The tea was too bitter.

Jamal said is this tea or a bitter medicine!



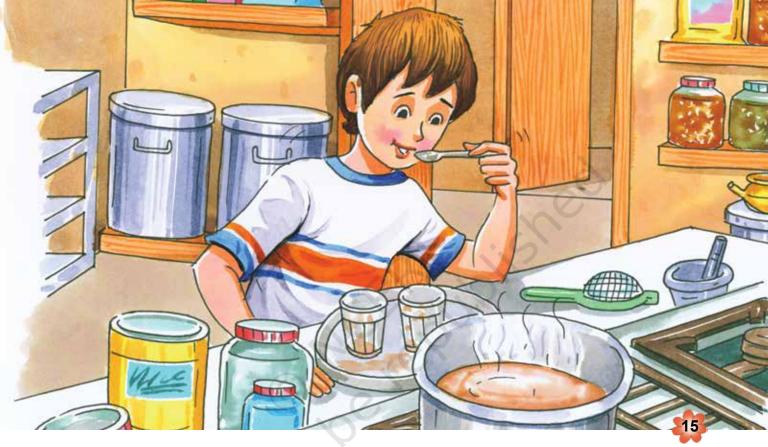
Madan too sipped the tea.

The tea had less sugar.

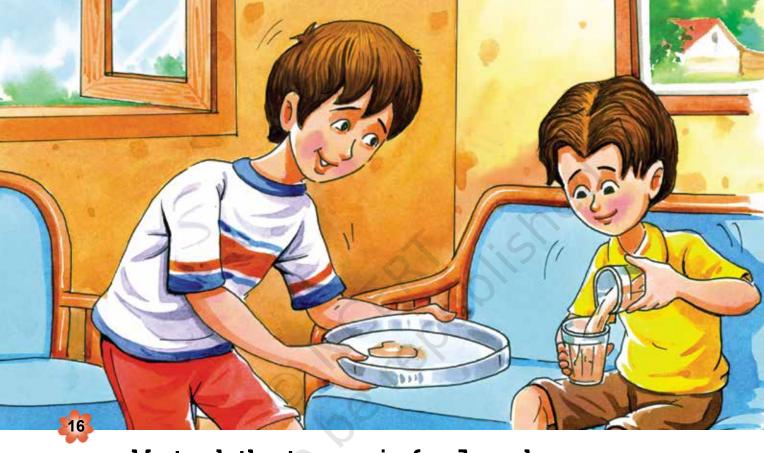
There was too much ginger and tea leaves.



Madan poured both their tea into the pot again. He added milk and sugar to the tea. He kept it to boil again.



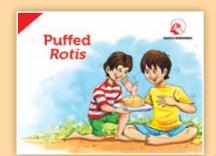
Now the colour of tea had become lighter. Madan tasted the tea with a spoon. The tea had become tastier now.



He took the tea again for Jamal. Jamal liked the tea this time. He poured Madan's tea in his glass too.

Stories of Jamal and Madan





















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